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Exh. No. 3356

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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al

-vs-

ABAKI, Sadao, et al

SWORN DEPOSITION (Translation)

Deponent: HIGASA, Ryohei

Having been duly sworn in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I do hereby depose and say as follows:

1. My name is HIGASA, Ryohei.

At present I reside at MARUBAYASHI, TANOMURA, TOMATA-GUN, OKAYAMA Pref. I was born in OKAYAMA Prefecture on December 10, 1904.

After graduating from the Military Staff College in April 1940, I held various offices in the Army. During the period, from March 1942 up to March 1944 I took charge of administration matters concerning prisoner of war as Staff-officer in the TOBU Army. At the time of surrender, I was in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

2. The TOBU Army document No. 41 dated 2 October 1942, and entitled "Matters concerning the employment of POW" (Exhibit No. 1967) was issued when I was Staff-officer in the TOBU Army. This was made on the basis of two different documents, one being "Matters concerning

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the Treatment of POW" (Exhibit No. 1965-A) which was decided by the
Minister of War and the ~~after being~~ ^{other being} "POW Employment Regulations"
(Exhibit No. 3050) which had already been ~~enacted~~ ^{in force} at that time.

The document "Matters concerning the employment of POW" did not contain
any plan of employing prisoners of war in the labor directly connected
with military operations such as production and transportation of
arms and ammunition. As a matter of fact at no time were prisoners of
war employed in such ^{kind of} labor as mentioned above.

On the 2 day of October, 1947.

at OKAYAMA

DEPONENT: /s/ HIGASHI, Ryohei (seal)

I, ABE, Akira hereby certify that the above statement was sworn by
the Deponent, who affixed his signature and seal thereto in the
presence of this witness.

On the same date, at OKAYAMA.

Witness: /s/ ABE, Akira (seal)

OATH

In accordance with my conscience I swear to tell the whole truth
withholding nothing and adding nothing.

/s/ HIGASHI, Ryohei (seal)